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## Student Exchange Program Urged by PTA Council Guest Speaker

In observance of the month's theme, "Through World Brotherhood," two American exchange students and a field representative were guest speakers at the December meeting of the Lomita San Pedro Council of PTA. Introduced by Mrs. Francis Anaia, program chairman, Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, American Field Service representative, explained why the student exchange program should be encouraged and gave qualifications for students entering the program.

The qualifications she listed are: the student must be a senior, with good scholastic rating, above average, pleasant personality and the ability to speak on many subjects and to answer and ask questions intelligently. The students must also have two years of a foreign language and the desire to go to a foreign country.

Two returnee students, Rozanne Hathaway and Pat Auchenback of North High and Torrance High, respectively were introduced by Mrs. Stoeckle. They told of their trips to Sweden and Greece this summer covering the entire trips from beginning to end.

At present about 20 countries are taking part in arranging trips abroad for students between the ages of 16 and 18, Mrs. Stoeckle explained, and though American students only stay for the summer months, some students coming to the United States spend an entire year here.

The PTA members learned that the main purpose of the program is to promote international understanding by learning the living habits customs and politics of another country and that the exchange student might well be named a good will ambassador.

Following a discussion of the exchange program, Mrs. Bill Fulford, character education chairman introduced as guest singer, Mrs. J. L. McMinn of Harbor City PTA and Mrs. Donald King accompanist of 223rd St. PTA.

to serve on the nominating committee. They are Mmes. Paul Kelso, Walter Talley, Harold Smullen and Paul Mellota with parliamentarian Mrs. William Shier as chairman.

Appointed to serve on the Feb. 19, Founder's Day committee were Mmes. Harold Smullen and Louie Miller.

Thomas McNeil, principal of Bandini St. school, Mrs. G. L. Wilson, past president and Mrs. Alston King, press chairman acted as judges for the poster contest.

Following the meeting a spaghetti luncheon was served. Table decorations and name tags

were made by members of the art committee. Mmes. John Royal, Joe Goren, Joe Goss Jr., Richard Brown, Yutaka Yoshimoto, Pete Gentry, and Vincent Chacon, all of Bandini. Theme for the Jan. 6 Council meeting will be "Protection." Representatives from the Sheriff's department will discuss narcotics among teenagers.

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